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Winner In Oratorical Contest

A statewide Bicentennial Patrick Henry Oratorical Contest for Virginia high school students is being sponsored by the Governor and the General Assembly of Virginia. Students in Appomattox County High School and Appomattox Middle School have been afforded an opportunity for participation.

Teresa Cyrus, a junior, at Appomattox County High School was named the winner when the countywide competition was held on Feb. 10, 1976. Representing the Appomattox Middle School was Ernie Chenault.

Each of the school winners were provided certificates signed by the Governor of Virginia and the Chairman of the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission. Also, they received copies of two publications entitled, **Road to Independence: Virginia 1763-1783** and **A Chronology of Virginia and The War of Independence 1763-1783.** Between march 15 and April 23, congressional district contests will be held. Two winners from each of the ten districts will meet in Williamsburg on June 28-29 for the final contest. Judges for the contest were Mrs. Mildred Alvis, Mrs. R. E. McClenny, Jr. and Miss Edith O'Brien.

Young Homemakers Convention

The twentieth annual Young Homemakers of Virginia convention was held Feb. 6 & 7 at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Faye Horn. The program of work for the year was presented. The topic is "Homemakers Meeting Challengers - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow."

Dr. Andrew Spence, Jr., director of Appalachain Counseling Center, King College, Bristol, Tenn., was the speaker. He spoke on "Enriching Home and Family Living."

Friday night we enjoyed a festival banquet with the Young Farmers. Many awards and recommendations were presented. The speaker for the night was Dr. Tom Haggai who spoke on "For the Love of Work."

Afterwards everyone enjoyed an old fashion square dance.

The monthly meeting of the Appomattox Young Homemakers will be held Thurs., Feb. 12 at 7:30 in the Appomattox High School Home Ec Department.

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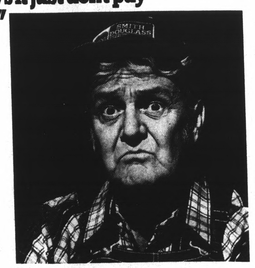

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The Pastor Speaks

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?

"Pilate saith unto them, what shall I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ? They all said unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more saying, Let him be crucified." Matt. 27:22-23.

Life in 1976 is exciting and full of questions. The three most important questions and decisions that we make in our life are: **What shall I do with Jesus?** What shall I choose as my profession or life's work? Whom shall I choose as my life's companion or mate? The first and most important question that will determine our destiny for eternity is **What Shall I do with Jesus?**

Pilate's decision and the mob's decision was to crucify Jesus. Even though Jesus could have called on 10,000 angels to rescue Him from the Cross, Jesus remained obedient to God's will and suffered and died as a sacrifice for our sins. On the third day He arose, victoriously over the grave. It is through Him that we can receive Him as our Lord and Savior and have eternal life. We can win over Satan by accepting Jesus. "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

What will you do with Jesus? I pray that you will confess your sins to Him and repent and **believe** in Christ and **receive** Him as your Lord and Savior. Then you will be prepared to live an abundant life with Christ.

Bob Reese,
Associate Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church

Deer Harvest Totals in Virginia Correct

The total harvest for the just completed deer hunting season was listed as 68,243 by the Commisson Of Game and Inland Fisheries for the State of Virginia. This was a typographical error. The total should have been 63,243.

The percentage increase from the 1974-75 season is 1% and the increase from the 1972-73 season, when the total harvest was 48,775, in comparison to the 1975-76 season is 22%.

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For February 15, 1976

CONTRASTING RESPONSES TO FAITH

Scripture: Matthew 14-15

Whatever you ask in prayer you will receive, if you have faith. Matt. 21:22

From the portion of Matthew's Gospel which relates widely different responses to Jesus, the framers of the International Sunday School lessons have selected two examples, one the response of Jewish companions of Jesus, the other of a Gentile stranger.

The overall account gives a broad scope of reactions: Herod in guilty fear thinks Jesus is John the Baptist, whom he had beheaded, come to life again. A great crowd has been fed through the powr of Jesus, which, we learn from John, led them to declare Him Messiah and want to make Him king. Jesus comes to His disciples, struggling to row their boat against a strong adverse wind, and one of them wants to walk on the water to the Master. At Gennesaret the people bring their sick for healing. Scribes and Pharisees criticize Jesus because His disciples did not wash their hands in ceremonial style before eating. A Canaanite woman asks Him to exorcise a demon from her daughter. Again, the multitudes bring their sick and afflicted for healing. Again, a crowd comes to hear Him teach, and as they are without food, He feeds them.

In studing the miracles of Jesus the important factor is what the miracle teaches. We can spend much time fruitlessly in trying to explain how it came about. We must remember that Jesus was both human and divine; as the Son of God, though incarnate, He possessed power beyond that of human. So He demonstrated power over the forces of nature and over illnesses and handicaps. His miracles had a lesson for those who experienced and saw them, and they have a continuing message for believers, even as today we can see ourselves in the people whom Jesus taught and to whom He ministered.

After Jesus had fed the five thousand, He sent His disciples in a boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. The wind was against them that night, the sea was rough, the going slow and hard. In the fourth watch (the Romans divided the day into hours, the night into four watches), sometime between three and six in the morning, as they were working hard to row against the wind in a stormy sea and were still a long way from land, Jesus appeared to them walking on the water. So He comes today to believers in the crises of life. He does not always save physical life, for in the order in which humanity lives, death is inevitable. But He has made physical death the transition to eternal life in a spiritual body. If the crisis is the death of a loved one, He gives the assurance of immortality and reunion. In the many and varied crises every person experiences, Jesus gives hope and courage and strength to come through the crisis and the wisdom to turn it to spiritual advantage.

Peter's response in this event is typical of humankind. He saw Jesus walking on the water. He wanted to do what another was doing. He was not willing to wait until Jesus reached the boat but wanted to go to Him. His faith was mixed with practical knowledge. He knew that it was contrary to natural law for a man to walk on water; as he looked about him, perhaps it, then waver as we lose sight of the call in consideration of the practical aspects.

The Canaanite woman demonstrated a commendable persistence of faith. Matthew calls her a Canaanite from her ancestry, aware that such a designation will have significance for Jewish readers, for it marks her as a heathen. Mark describes her as Greek, probably from her language, and gave her race a more contemporary designation, Syrophoenician, which would be better understood by Gentile readers. Why Jesus delayed complying with the woman's request we do not know. Was He testing her? Was He testing His disciples? The woman never wavered. More than anything else in the world, she wanted her daughter to be healed. She believed Jesus could heal her. And she persisted until He did. Across the years, the Canaanite woman speaks to today's multitudes, burdened with problems. Bring these problems to Jesus, she is saying, and in unwavering faith seek His help for their solution.

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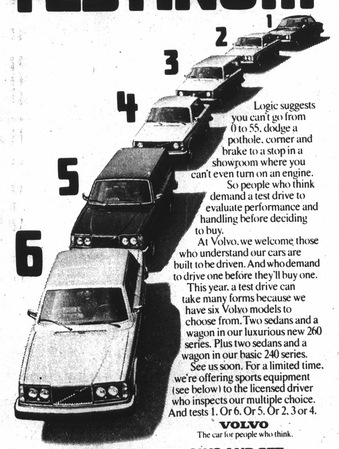

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Oakville

Supper guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin of Lynchburg. Mrs. Dayle Martin called later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall and Kathy visited Mr. and Mrs. David Cline and Hurley Trent, of Lynchburg, Sunday afternoon.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Lloyd Hamilton.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. were Mrs. Dora Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lewis and Ricky, Miss Linda Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, Michael and Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson.

We are sorry Mrs. Tom Moore is sick. We pray she will soon be better.

Mrs. Dora Coleman was a recent luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Harvey, of Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page were dinner geusts Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin. Afternoon visitors in the Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Riley Megginson and Mr. Gordon Martin and Timmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coleman, of Scottsville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore on Friday.

We are glad to hear Mrs. James Martin is out of the hospital. She is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Buddy Wilcox. We pray for her a speedy recovery.

Baptist Men and Boys Day At Red Oak

Baptist Men and Boys Day will be observed at Red Oak Baptist Church on Sun., Feb. 15. The men and boys of the church will be in church of the morning worship service. The day will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and the morning service at 10:55 a.m.

Those participating in the program will be as follows: Jimmy Rogers, opening word; The Declaration of Independence, Chuck Wilkerson; Scripture, Rob Lucado - Prayer; Kevin Moore - "Life and Contributions of George Washington; Don Hudson - History of the Baptist During the Revolution; Berkley Cabaniss --American Revolutionary Heroes; Roy Woody - Offertory Prayer. The Royal Ambassadors will serve as ushers.

The Crusader and Adult choirs will sing patriotic songs for the service.

The service will have a bicentennial theme. Red Oak Baptist Church was organized in 1776 and is celebrating its bicentennial this year with the nation.

The pastor, Rev. G. Edward Hughes, and The Red Oak congregation extend to the public a cordial invitation to attend the service.

Named President of New Firm In Alabama

Near the end of 1975, a new manufacturing company was formed in Eufaula, Alabama. American Hydraulics Company was formed Nov. 18, 1975.

In January of 1976, Bill Martin, owner of Western Auto Store in Appomattox, was named company president and says the manufacturer of hydraulic materials and handling equipment is now in full operation.

Martin went to Eufaula from High Point, N.C., where he had served as head of management services of High Point office of Seidman and Seidman, a national certified public accountant firm.

The company currently employs approximately 25 persons and Martin said, "I feel the outlook is very good for this company and I am looking forward to the opportunity of managing a manufacturing business.

Martin and his wife, the former Emma Jean Reynolds of Red House, are the parents of two sons, ages 14 and 15.

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